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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM MFA THAT SOVIET-PROPOSED MAY 12-17 DATES FOR LENINGRAD AND BOSTON NAVAL VISITS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND THAT DETAILS OF VISITS CAN BE WORKED OUT THROUGH DAO CHANNELS.

2. WE NOTE THAT SOVIETS GAVE AS REASON FOR THESE DATES "VERY LITTLE TIME FOR PLANNING" (REFTEL), BUT DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THIS CONCERNED RECEPTION OF US SHIPS IN LENINGRAD, TIME REQUIRED FOR USSR TO GET ITS SHIPS TO BOSTON, OR BOTH. WE WOULD STILL PREFER TO HAVE US SHIPS IN LENINGRAD DURING V-E CELEBRATIONS (IN CONFORMITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH ORIGINAL USSR PROPOSAL FOR NAVAL EXCHANGES IN CON-

NECTION WITH V-E ANNIVERSARY). IN ACCEPTING MAY 12-17
DATES, SUGGEST YOU NOTE THAT VISITS NEED NOT BE STRICTLY
SIMULTANEOUS, AND WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND SHIPS TO
LENINGRAD DURING CELEBRATION PERIOD AND RECEIVE SOVIET
SHIPS IN BOSTON MAY 12-17. INGERSOLL

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